

19 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Implementation of Actions Resulting from
the NSC Meeting on 18 January

1. As a result of your request for an NSC briefing paper on the world copper situation for the next meeting, I discussed this matter with the Assistant Director, Research and Reports. On a tentative basis, I told him that the copper briefing should give broad coverage to (1) copper production in the free world and the Soviet Bloc, (2) its uses in the Soviet Bloc, and (3) the amounts the Bloc was getting by legal and covert means from the free world and the prices paid. Graphics to be used as appropriate. If you care to give me any more specific guidance I shall be happy to relay it to the ORR people.

2. ORR is preparing a memorandum on the relative use of energy from all sources in (1) the US and USSR, and (2) in the Soviet Bloc and the free world. The Secretary of Defense specifically asked a question about this, although the other NSC members would probably be interested in this subject.

3. ORR is also preparing a memorandum comparing US-USSR industrial production in 1940 as well as in selected postwar years at five year intervals. This will supplement your NSC briefing and you may wish to forward it to the Secretary of the Treasury who queried you on the matter.

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cc: AD/RR